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REMARKS

Entry of this Response is proper because it does not raise any new issues requiring further search by the Examiner, narrows the issues on appeal, and is believed to place the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, and 19-33 are all the claims presently pending in the application. No claim amendments have been made.

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, and 19-24 stand rejected on prior art grounds.

Particularly, claims 1-7, 11-14, 16, 17, and 19-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freedman (U.S. Patent No. 4,839,829) in view of Hartman, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,411). Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freedman in view of Hartman and further in view of Greulich, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,338).

These rejections are respectfully traversed in the following discussion.

I. THE CLAIMED INVENTION

The claimed invention is directed to an image ordering system and a method of an image ordering system.

The claimed invention, as defined by independent claims 1, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 22 is capable of determining, on the basis of correspondence data, which of the plurality of second client computers is affiliated with the orderer specified by the orderer data.